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TAGS: PINT ECON PINS JO
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER BADRAN HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY: IN FRANK AND LENGTHY PRESS CONFERENCE
PM MUDAR BADRAN PRAISED US PEACE EFFORTS EXPRESSED
PESSIMISM OVER LIKUD RISE TO POWER CONFIRMED JORDANS
ADHERENCE TO RABAT RESOLUTIONS LAUDED JORDANS RELATIONS
WITH OTHER CONFRONTATION STATES AND SAUDI ARABIA AND
NOTED THAT GOJ-PLO DIALOGUE WOULD SOON RESUME.
MAJOR PORTION OF CONFERENCE WAS DEVOTED TO DETAILED
DISCUSSION OF GOJ MEASURES TO CONFRONT INTERNAL PROBLEMS
SUCH AS INFLATION, ADEQUATE PUBLIC SERVICES AND
FOOD SHORTAGES. INITIAL JORDANIANS REACTION IS
ONE OF PLEASED SURPRISE AT PMS DETILED AND FRANK PRESENTATION
ALTHOUGH RUMORS ABOUT THAT BADRANS GOVERNMENT WILL NOT
LAST MUCH LONGER. END SUMMARY
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2. PM MUDAR BADRAN JUNE 14 HELD LENGTHY PRESS
CONFERENCES WHICH WAS LATER TELEVISED VIRTUALLY
IN TOTO, MAIN POINTS (FOREIGN AFFAIRS)
A. US PEACE EFFORTS: ARABS HAD SEEN NO
GENUINE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE ME PEACE UNTIL CARTER
ADMINISTRATION CAME INTO OFFICE THIS YEAR. NEW

ADMINISTRATION HAS "THE VISION AND ETERMINATION
TO BRING ABOUT PEACE"

B. LIKUD VICTORY: STATEMENT OF LIKUD

LEADERS HAVE NOT REPRESENTED ANY STEP ON ROAD TO PEACE
AS ENVISAGED EITHER BY UNSC OR BY CARTER ADMINISTRATION.
ISRAEL OBVIOUSLY WISHES TO HAVE BOTH PEACE AND OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES WHICH MEANS THAT NO PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED.

C. RABAT : JORDAN CONTINUES TO ADHERE TO RABAT
RESOLUTUIONS A STAND CONFIRMED MOST RECENTLY BY
RIYADH FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERENC.

D. PLO AND JORDN: GOJ-PLO DIALOGUE

CONTINUES: RESUMTION OF TALKS WIL OCCUR IN A FEW
DAYS. DELAY IN RESUMPTION HAS BEE CAUSED BY MANY
VISITS LEADERS OF JORDAN HAS MADE TO ARAB
AND FOREIGH COUNTRIES

E. INTER-ARAB RELATIONS/ JORDAN AND SYRIA

CONTINUES TO WORK TO ACIEVE COOPERATION AND
INTEGRATION IN ALL SPEHERES MEETING OF JOINT
SUPREME COMMITTEE WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
SAUDI ARABIS ROLE IN CONTRIBUTING TO JORDANIAN
ECONOMY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

3. OF GREATER INTEREST TO JORDANIANS WERE BADRANS
COMMENTS ON DOMESTIC SCENE:

A. ZARQA PRISON BREAK: MAY 26 BREAK OUT

AT ZARQA MILITARY PRISON INVOLVED 180 PERSONS
(MAINLY SERVING SENTENCES FOR DRAFT DODGING) OF
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WHOME 5 KILLED 14 WOUNDED. (NOTE THIS PORTION OF
CONFERENCE WAS CUT FROM EVENINGS TV PRESENTATION)

B. GOJ WIL FIGHT INFLATION PRIMARILY BY

SUBSIDIZING BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES SUCH AS SUGAR
MEAT AND BREAD. NEGOTATIONS ALSO UNDERWAY TO SECURE
VOLUNTARY PRICE RESTRIANT AGREEMENTS.

C. GOJ WILL ENCOURAGE GROWTH OF MANUFACTURING
SECTOR THROUGH EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE.

D. WATER OUTPUT IN AMMAN WILL NEARLY DOUBLE I
COMING TWO WEEKS. PERMANENT SOLUTION TO WATER PROBLEMS
IN AMMAN AND IRBID WIL COME ABOUT WITH COMPETION
FO KING TALAL AND MAQARAIN DAMS.

3. COMMUNICATIONS ROADS AND HEALTH SERVICES
WILL BE IMPROVED.

4. COMMENT :BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL) BADRAN ACCOMPANIED
HIS DISCOURSE ON DOMESTIC ILLS AND PLANS FOR THEIR
AMELIARATION WITH HOST OF STATUSTICS. HIS FRANK
DISCUSSION OF LOCAL PROBLEMS HAS BEE GREETED
FAVORABLY BY JORDANIANS SOME OF WHOM ADMIT THAT
THEY HAVE REVISED SOMEWHAT THEIR PREVIOUS ESTIMATE
OF BADRAN AS KOW NOTHING LAME DUCK. AS JUNE 15
EDITORIAL IN JORDAN TIMES POINTS OUT HOWEVER
PROBLEM NOW IS TO ACT RATHER THAN MERELY TO SOLVE
PROBLEMS BY DECREE" AND HAVE THEM COME UNSTUCK
LATER DUE TO INADEQUACY OF PLANNING OF THE INHERENT
INEFFICIENCY OF THE SYSTEM". NOW THAT BADRAS HAS
SHOWN HE IS AWARE OF PROBLEM AREAS IT S
INCUMBENT UPON HIM TO ACT PARTICULARLY IN VIEW
OF RECENT RUMORS WHICH HAVE SUGGESTED THAT KING HUSSEIN
PLANS TO REPLACE HIM WITH PM WHO CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY
COPE WITH INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES. BADRANS
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PERFORMANCE IN YESTERDAYS CONFERENCE MAY HAVE
QUASHED SUCH RUMORS, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY.
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